

# Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on 12 March 2026

Taumata Kōrero - Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council  
100 Cuba St, Te Aro, Wellington at 10.01am

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## Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)  
Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair) (From 10.12am)  
Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Duthie  
Councillor Elder  
Councillor Free  
Councillor Gaylor  
Councillor James  
Councillor Johnstone  
Councillor Makarini  
Councillor Rhodes  
Councillor Saw  
Councillor Tupou  
Councillor Woolf

Councillor Duthie participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25A of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

## Karakia timatanga

The Council Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

## Public Business

### 1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Tupou

That the Council accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor Staples.

The motion was **carried**.

## 2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

## 3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

## 4 2026/27 Annual Plan Engagement – Report 26.98

Zofia Miliszewska, Head of Strategy and Performance, and Tyler Dunkel, Manager Corporate Planning and Reporting, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Ponter / Cr Gaylor

That Council:

- 1 Agrees the 'inform and engage' approach for the 2026/27 Annual Plan, including the number, dates and locations of the 'Coffee and Chat' community sessions
  - a Tuesday 19 May: Cuba Street
  - b Wednesday 20 May: Masterton
  - c Thursday 21 May: Online
- 2 Approves the 2026/27 Annual Plan engagement material content as set out in Attachments 1 to 3.
- 3 Authorises the Chief Executive to make minor editorial changes to the proposed 2026/27 Annual Plan engagement materials to correct errors and improve public understanding.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Staples joined at 10.12am during the presentation of the above item.

## Karakia whakamutunga

The Council Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 10.33am.

Councillor ~~D Ponter~~ A. Staples

Chair



Date: 2 April 2026.